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1. Under the influence of palace circles and other rightists, Venizelos on his return to Greece found an opportunity to go to the palace, ostensibly to pay his respects to the King after a trip abroad, but actually to persuade the King that the latter must take the initiative in overthrowing the present Government and in giving the mandate to form another government, probably with the participation of Panagiotis Kanellopoulos.

2. At the same time, Venizelos is encouraging the agitation for the formation of a government under Alexander Papagos. The center of the latter effort is Kanellopoulos.

3. Although the King would very much like to see the present Government fall, he nevertheless told Venizelos that he could not display such initiative, because he does not see a ready solution to the problem of a successor government and because he does not think the Americans are willing, for the present, to agree to the overthrow of the present Government.

4. Kanellopoulos also visited the King in order to support the effort made by Venizelos.

5. The ulterior purpose of Kanellopoulos is said to be the formation of a Government under Papagos to include Kostas Mariadakis, Admiral (Ret.) Economou and Reppas (retired Air Force General). Under the political guidance of Kanellopoulos, they would form a kind of "Directorate".

6. Papagos, however, is not agreeable to this solution at the present time, and it is said that he is convinced that the time is not yet ripe for such a government. Papagos is reserving this government solution for the expected intensification of the strain in international relations.

7. It is said that Kanellopoulos has initiated Venizelos into this "cabal", and that Venizelos agrees that Papagos is right in waiting, but that the

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"Directorate" should be formed to meet emergencies, particularly when the international situation becomes more strained.

8. Kanellopoulos and Venizelos then reached a decision to appeal to the King to overthrow the present Government and to have it succeeded by a government under Venizelos with the participation of Kanellopoulos and with the support of the Rightist parties in Parliament.

9. Kanellopoulos is said to have taken his relative lack of success in the elections of 5 March 1950 quite hard. He is deeply grieved "because the Greek people did not accord him proper recognition and did not give him the parliamentary strength which he needed". During the time that he was a Minister he collaborated closely with the military men and came under their influence.

10. Friends of Kanellopoulos are beginning to say, "The Americans have begun to come over to a government under a non-parliamentary Prime Minister. The Americans are discussing Admiral Voulgaris for this position".

C. Constantine Tsaldaris

11. Tsaldaris is well aware of the agitation and of the schemes of Kanellopoulos and Venizelos, and he is afraid that the King may give in to the views of these two political leaders. Tsaldaris is certainly not anxious for the Plastiras Government to remain in power, but he is terrified at the idea of Venizelos and Kanellopoulos taking over the government, in which event it is believed almost certain that the Populist Party would desert Tsaldaris and join Kanellopoulos who would automatically become leader of the Populist Party. Tsaldaris therefore hurried to the Palace and is said to have told the King that the Populist Party will not support a government under Venizelos and Kanellopoulos, nor an extra-parliamentary solution under Papagos.

D. George Papandreou

12. Papandreou is closely watching these political activities. He is energetically preparing the organization of his own party, taking care that it shall always be ready to meet any eventuality, particularly new elections. He is assigning to various strategic positions leading members of his party, and is preparing to find government posts for as many of his followers as possible. He is hoping in this way to win in the impending municipal elections through the election of most of his friends.

E. Nicholas Plastiras

13. Plastiras is unable to comprehend political maneuvers, and he is caught between the conflicts among his followers and also among his opponents. He is trying "to achieve the reconstruction and pacification of Greece through honesty and justice". He believes that in this way Greece can recover and will be the leading example of Democracy of the Western type.

14. Plastiras believes that he can use the opportunity of his attending the assembly of the United Nations at Lake Success to make personal contact with the leaders of the Western Powers and more important, with the influential circles of the United States and the Greek-Americans. He believes that in this way he will obtain greater material aid for Greece and also moral support.

15. Plastiras' opponents are afraid that he will win the confidence of the representatives of the various states, and they are therefore doing everything

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possible to prevent his going to the United States. Plastiras, however, has made up his mind to go.

16. Plastiras' friends say that the King has almost been persuaded by Kanellopoulos and Venizelos to overthrow the government, but that the Americans, fortunately, have made their opposition to this clear to the King. The King consequently told Venizelos and Kanellopoulos that the Plastiras Government was the only one possible at present.

F. Emmanuel Tsouderos

17. The "wily banker" knows better than anyone else how to adapt himself to political currents.

18. He is one of the few good economists in Greece. It is said that this is the reason why Venizelos and Kanellopoulos always say that they will "give the economic department (of the government which they hope to form) to Tsouderos", because they think that this will reconcile the Americans to the overthrow of the present government. Tsouderos is not denying that this offer has been made, and he is not refusing it in advance, but neither is he saying that he will accept the offer.

19. For this reason certain elements of EPEK have tried to bind Tsouderos officially to Plastiras, and some have even gone so far as to propose that Tsouderos be the leader of the coalition rather than Plastiras.

G. Democratic Coalition

20. The Democratic Coalition is keeping quiet at the present time, but they are closely watching all the political movements "behind the scenes".

21. Various members of the Democratic Coalition have stated, "we are waiting to see what will happen. The death of the present regime will result from Papagos' taking over the government".

22. There appears to be great activity in the offices of the Sofianopoulos party both in extending the organization of the party and in the labor union field.

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